

John Henry Eaton to Andrew Jackson, December 25, 1819, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

JOHN H. EATON TO JACKSON.

Washington, December 25, 1819.

D'r Genl. This day was recvd. your Letter of the 10 Int. To the several matters it refers you will find my answer in a letter addressed to you a few days ago. Your memorial is now transcribing and will be finished by Doc. Bronaugh to day. You will pardon the liberty I have taken in interfering with it when I assure you that your views are nothing infringed upon. The phraseology in many places the gramatical con[s]truction in others could not be amended without transcribing; while in some places I have made it to speak a language *demanding* justice and right; not asking for favour and courtesy. I have done nothing that you will not be completely satisfied with when you shall come to see it. One material fact is adverted to to wit a Letter from Secty war to the cha[i]rman of the Committee of ways and means dated April 1818 asking for an additional sum of 90.000 and giving as a reason that 1200 mounted gun men instead of militia were called out; this goes at once to assail the report which charges that they knew nothing about these troops, and that they were Volu[n]teers untill they saw the pay roll. . . .